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Honorable Sam Nunn  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear Senator Nunn:

This is in reply to your letter of February 4, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, James E. Ball, Jr., regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

*Edward R. Jacobs*

for Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
Private Radio Bureau

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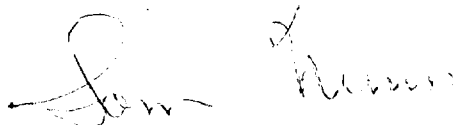
Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim  
Office of Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

I recently received the enclosed constituent inquiry. Because of my desire to be responsive to all inquiries, I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with any information you have available on this subject, of course, consistent with your established policies and procedures. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Your kind assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Sam Nunn

Enclosure

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February 1, 1993

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Dear Senator Nunn,

I am retired, 66 years old, and my hobby is building and flying radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission, PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of radio frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

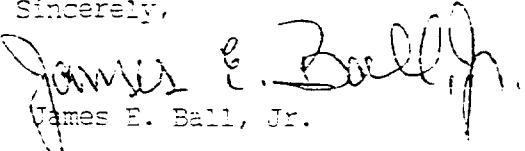
Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobil dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the landmobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobil frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobil frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. Of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased. Radio controlled model airplanes are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the full use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment. I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

  
James E. Ball, Jr.